

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Attorney Docket No. 2005_0637A
Shinya KADONO : **Confirmation No. 2743**
Serial No. 10/534,014 : Group Art Unit 2621
Filed May 5, 2005 : Examiner Jessica M. Roberts
PICTURE CODING METHOD AND : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
PICTURE DECODING METHOD

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In the Office Action dated July 22, 2009, the Examiner identified the application as containing claims directed to three distinct species. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicants elect Species I, paragraph [0054] of the published application (i.e., the "first embodiment"). Applicants note that claims 1-4 and 9 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants submit that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected invention is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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